

ST. PHILomena's Jubilee

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Dedication of the Catholic Cathedral.

LOOKING BACKWARD AND WHAT IT REVEALS

Interesting Facts Gleaned From Early Records—Roster of Ministers and Bishops—Early Days of Pioneers—Their Native Sons and Daughters.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the dedication of St. Philomena's cathedral will be celebrated tomorrow with all the pomp and joyousness the occasion demands.

Twenty-five years ago, a span in the life of an individual or of an institution. In the older communities silver jubilees are so common that they attract but trifling attention.

What was Omaha twenty-five years ago? What of the entire state? A quarter-century ago Omaha had a scant 10,000 population.

Some Early History. Eleven years ago the present month has been published a resume of the early history of the Catholic church in Omaha.

The first church built in Omaha was a Catholic church, St. Mary's, on Eighth street, near what is now the Burlington railroad freight depot.

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How brief and pointed compared with the elaborate accounts of similar events in the Omaha newspapers of today?

One would expect that an event of such magnitude would make an indelible impression on the minds of young and old in attendance.

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The roster of pastors of the Cathedral is as follows: Rev. John Curtis, February, 1868, to July, 1872; Rev. William Curtis, July, 1872, to December, 1873.

Marrriages. Marriage records and a list between Omaha Catholics published in the eleven years ending with 1892 were a total of 112 marriages recorded in the church.

Bishop and Pastor. The vicariate of Nebraska was created in the winter of 1854.

Religious. Excellent success has attended the effort to raise a fund in Boston for the erection of a suitable chapel to the late Bishop Brooks.

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Rev. Richard Scannell, bishop of Omaha, is rounding half a century of years. He was born in the town of New York.

The early records of the church, so far as they relate to marriages and baptisms, are fairly complete.

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